Consensus Guidelines for Timing and Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

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Background

- Pooled estimates of rupture risk much less than previously thought
 - 5.3% for AAA 5.5 7.0 cm
 - 6.3% for AAA > 7.0 cm
- Risk is higher among female smokers



- Initial screenings should be done with ultrasound (1A)
 - One time screening for both men & women with history of smoking (65-75 years and healthy patients >75 years)
 - First degree relatives of AAA patients same age criteria (2C)

• Aortic Size

- >2.5 cm to <3 cm: Rescan in 10 years (2C)</p>
- 3 to 3.9 cm: Rescan in 3 year intervals (2C)
- 4 to 4.9 cm: Rescan in 1 year intervals (2C)
- 5 to 5.4 cm: Rescan at 6 mo intervals (2C)
- Symptomatic patients should get CTA (1B)
 - CTA should measure Outer Wall to Outer Wall



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- Women 5.0 5.4 cm (2C)
- Small Aneurysms 4.0 5.4 cm in Special Populations
 - Chemotherapy
 - XRT
 - Solid Organ Transplant







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Preoperative

- CAD Treatment Prior
 - STEMI/NSTEMI/USA (1A)
 - Stable Angina with LM or 3VCAD (1A)
 - Stable Angina 2V CAD including Prox LAD and Ischemia or Reduced LVEF (2B)
 - If PCI planned with need for EVAR/OSR, POBA or BMS (2B)
 - Defer elective OSR/EVAR 30 days after PCI or CABG or do EVAR on dual antiplatelets (2B)
 - Defer OSR 6 mos after DES, or do EVAR on dual antiplatelets (2B)





Perioperative

Hypo Occlusions

- Preserve one IIA (1A) and used approved IBE devices (1A)
- Stage bilateral hypo occlusions for 1-2 weeks prior to EVAR
- Treat symptomatic Renal and SMA disease prior to EVAR (2C)
- Treat asymptomatic SMA prior to EVAR with a meandering IMA (2C)





Late Reinterventions

- Treat all Type I and IIIs (1B)
- Treat Type II associated with expansion (2C)
- Surveillance of Type II not associated with expansion (1B)
- OSR for Type I and III not amenable to endo with ongoing enlargement (1B), and Type II (2C)
- Treatment for expansion without endoleak (?Type V) (2C)





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Summary

- Treat AAA > 5.5 cm (Outer Wall to Outer Wall)
- Treat >5.0 for Younger, Healthy Patients
- Annual Surveillance from 4.0 to 4.9
- Consider Treatment in Small Aneurysms (>4.0 cm) for Solid Organ Transplant, Radiation Therapy, or Chemo Patients (2C)
- Treat Saccular Aneurysms (2C)
- EVAR first for Ruptures (IC)



